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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE OF "PRG" AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT AT
FEBRUARY 1974 GENEVA CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF WAR

REF: (A) STATE 030130, (B) FBIS S-140650, (C) SAIGON 01450

1. WE CONCUR IN VIEW THAT PRG NOT INTERESTED IN BEING SEATED AS
LIBERATION MOVEMENT (REF A). WE NOTE THAT "LIBERATION RADIO"
BROADCAST CONTAINED REF B GIVES INDICATION LINE OF ARGUMENT THAT
"PRG" SUPPORTERS LIKELY TO TAKE. BROADCAST NOTES POINT THAT (A)
"PRG" PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE DOES NOT MEAN RECOGNITION BY
OTHER COUNTRIES AND (B) PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET-NAM "RECOGNIZES"
THAT "TWO ADMINISTRATIONS" EXIST IN SVN.

2. REGARDING POINT (A) ABOVE, THIS OF COURSE IS NOT RELEVANT.
POINT IS NOT WHETHER OTHER COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE "PRG" BUT WHETHER
"PRG" IS A GOVERNMENT. REF C SUMMARIZES OUR REASONS FOR HOLDING
THAT "PRG" IS NOT (RPT NOT) A GOVERNMENT.

3. REGARDING POINT (B), PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET-NAM NEITHER
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"RECOGNIZES" NOR MENTIONS TWO "ADMINISTRATIONS." ON THE CONTRARY

UNDER THE AGREEMENT THE GVN REMAINS SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT OF SVN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A GENERAL ELECTION IS HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT AND A NEW GOVERNMENT FORMED (SEE ALSO REF C).

4. WE ALSO CALL ATTENTION TO "PRG" CLAIM IN BROADCAST TO BE "RESOLUTELY PROTECTING HUMANITARIAN LAW" WHILE THE "U.S. IMPERIALISTS AND THEIR LACKEYS" ARE CONDEMNED FOR "HORRIBLE CRIMES". RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT ARM OUR DELEGATION WITH FACTS AND FIGURES CONCERNING THE HUE MASSACRE (1968), KILLING OF AN LOC REFUGEES (1972), MASSACRE OF "CONVOY OF DEATH" IN QUANG TRI (1972), AND CIVILIAN CEATHS AND MAIMINGS BY "PRG" TERRORISM DURING FIRST YEAR OF CEASE-FIRE.

5. FURTHER TO BENNETT/WENZEL TELCON WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST BY TELEGRAM DEPARTMENT'S ESTIMATE OF LIKELY VOTE COUNT ON RESOLUTION TO INVITE "PRG" TO CONFERENCE.
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